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Relating to the AFRICAN Trade.

1. **I**T is Agreed, and with good Reason, by Parliament, and all Persons concerned in that Trade, that the loss of the *British* Settlements in *Africa*, will be the entire loss of that Trade to this Nation.
2. That the Trade is of great Benefit to the Kingdom; and ought to be preserved.
3. That the Company have neither Men or Stores in their Settlements, sufficient to support them, until any Provision can be made by the next Session of Parliament; or are they in a Capacity to send any.
4. That some of their Settlements, are already lost for Want of Supplies.
5. That no Persons will go to Reside in that Climate; unless there be a new Establishment of that Trade, whereby they may have suitable Encouragement, and Hopes of constant Supplies.
6. That unless this Establishment be made, during this Sessions of Parliament, the Trade will inevitably be lost to the Nation.
7. The *British* Interest in *Africa*, was Attained and Improved, by 20 Years Care and Conduct of the present Company, at the Expence of many Hundred thousand Pounds, and Flourished much above that of any other Nation, until the time of the Revolution, at which time all Persons were admitted to Interlope upon them.
8. That this Company had, at their beginning, an Opportunity, to Establish themselves equal to the *Dutch*, having much the same Powers and Possessions, as they had.
9. That the Powers and Possessions of the *Dutch* and *French*, are now so enlarged in *Africa*, that should the Interest of this Nation be once lost there, it might be impossible ever to regain it; tho' at Millions Expence, and the loss of many Thousands of Her Majesty's Subjects, who in that Climate must die in the time spent, in such a Conquest and new Establishment.
10. That the *Hollanders* solely possess of that Country, will have Ground, and the Work of the Natives for nothing, whereby they will be enabled to make and sell Sugars, and all sorts of the Products of all our Plantations at half the Price, our Planters can Work them, and so consequently supply all *Europe* therewith.

NOTE, This is the true State of the Case and Facts.

Quere, Whether 'tis not a Matter of high Importance to Great Britain, that immediate Care should be taken in the Establishment and Preservation of this Trade.

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